## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

l	<ol> <li>A folding device for producing a second longitudinal fold in products</li> </ol>
2	of a rotary press, comprising:
3	a folding drum;
4	a folding-blade shaft having two ends, said folding-blade shaft being
5	rotatably mounted at each of said two ends in said folding drum, said folding-blade shaf
6	having at least two folding-blade carriers for holding folding blades;
7	a pair of bearings arranged in said folding drum, said ends of said folding
8	blade shaft being mounted respectively in said folding drum by said pair of bearings
9	and
10	at least one further bearing arranged in said folding drum between said
11	pair of bearings, wherein said folding-blade shaft is further rotatably supported in said
12	folding drum by said at least one further bearing between said ends of said folding-
13	blade shaft.
1	<ol> <li>The folding device of claim 1, wherein said at least one further</li> </ol>
2	bearing is arranged between adjacent ones of said at least two folding-blade carriers.
_	bearing to arranged between adjacent ones of said at least two folding-blade carriers.
1	3. The folding device of claim 1, wherein said pair of bearings and
2	said at least one further bearing comprise self-aligning roller bearings.

- 1 4. The folding device of claim 3, wherein said pair of bearings and 2 said at least one further bearing are operatively arranged for receiving lubricating 3 medium from a central lubricating-medium supply.
- 5. The folding device of claim 1, wherein said pair of bearings and said at least one further bearing are operatively arranged for receiving lubricating medium from a central lubricating-medium supply.
- 1 6. The folding device of claim 1, further comprising a drive pinion 2 arranged on said folding-blade shaft, said drive pinion being connected to said folding-3 blade shaft with a form-fitting connection by serrated toothing.
- The folding device of claim 1, further comprising a carrier arranged in said folding drum, said at least one further bearing being supported on said carrier, wherein said carrier has a small material thickness in a longitudinal direction of said folding device and a large area extending approximately over the entire cross section of an interior of said folding drum in a transverse direction of said folding device.
  - 8. The folding device of claim 7, wherein said carrier is connected to said folding drum by threaded connectors.

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9. The folding device of claim 1, wherein said folding blades are spaced apart from one another in a region proximate said carrier by a distance smaller than 10 millimeters.